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**Welcome to P2 E-News!**

This issue has current information about the Green Chemistry Initiative, a free seminar for metal finishers, the 2007 Biennial Facility Reports, and news about changes in the frequency of this newsletter.

Anyone interested in receiving P2 E-News is welcome to subscribe using the DTSC Listserv webpage at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Listservs/dtsc/> (scroll down to DTSC P2 E-News and click on Subscribe).

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Pollution Prevention (P2) - Changing the way we think and act so we can reduce or eliminate the creation of waste and pollution.  
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**P2 E-News Delivery Frequency Change**

You may have noticed that we did not send out a November issue. After this issue, DTSC P2 E-News will be changing to a quarterly posting in 2008, but we will send out "Extras" between issues if time-sensitive materials or urgent issues arise. Watch for our January-March issue for the First Quarter of 2008!

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**California Green Chemistry Initiative News**

The formal comment period for the Conversation with California Journal/Blog Space closed on November 16, 2007, and as of the publication date of this newsletter, we have included all comments in the Green Chemistry Initiative Emerging Options document. This document is posted on the Department of Toxic Substances Control's web site and can be accessed at:

<http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PollutionPrevention/GreenChemistryInitiative/index.cfm>.

More than 600 organizations and individuals provided more than 400 pages of comments. The options drawn from these comments will be included in the January 2008 Report to the Secretary. Our sincere thanks to all who contributed!

Dates to Watch:

**January, 2008** - DTSC will report to Secretary on menu of options generated.

**January 10, 2008** – Meeting of the Science Advisory Panel, San Francisco

**January, 2008** - Green Chemistry Initiative Public Meeting, Los Angeles

**July 1, 2008:** Report to Secretary on recommendations for Statewide framework.

<http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PollutionPrevention/GreenChemistryInitiative/Calendar.cfm>  
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## **Pollution Prevention and Compliance Assistance Seminar for the Metal Finishing Industry**

Date: Wednesday January 9, 2008

Time: 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Location: Mission College  
Hospitality Management Building  
3000 Mission College Blvd.  
Santa Clara, CA 95054

Attend this free workshop and learn how to prevent environmental violations, reduce waste, emissions and operating costs, and stay current with regulatory issues. Staff from DTSC, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and industrial waste water programs in the region will present information to help operators run cleaner, safer shops. You will also learn about voluntary recognition programs sponsored by US EPA and DTSC. For more information, please consult the seminar brochure at the address below. Register for the Pollution Prevention and Compliance Assistance Seminar on the DTSC Website or contact Natalie Marcanio at (510) 540-3943 or [nmarcani@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:nmarcani@dtsc.ca.gov).

<http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PollutionPrevention/MFMS/index.cfm>

### **It's Biennial Report time again!**

If you were a RCRA Large Quantity Generator or a RCRA Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facility during 2007, then you are subject to the Biennial Report regulations and must submit a Biennial Report to DTSC and United States EPA on or before March 1, 2008.

A RCRA Large Quantity Generator is defined as a business that:

- 1) Generated 2200 pounds (1000 kg, or 1.1 tons) or more of RCRA hazardous waste in one or more calendar month; or
- 2) Generated in one or more months, or accumulated at any time, 2.2 pounds (1 kg) of RCRA acutely hazardous waste; or
- 3) Generated or accumulated at any time more than 220 pounds (100 kg) of spill cleanup material contaminated with RCRA acutely hazardous waste.

"Does that mean if I filed SB14 reports for 2006 that I also need to submit a Biennial Report?"

Not in all cases. SB14 concerns source reduction and waste minimization of certain hazardous wastes, and it exempts a number of waste types that are not "reducible", such as remediation waste, demolition waste and "non-routine" research laboratory waste. If those were RCRA wastes, they could still be subject to Biennial Reporting. SB14 also does not make a distinction between RCRA and non-RCRA wastes. If you generated 1000 kg of RCRA waste or 1 kg of RCRA acutely hazardous waste in a calendar month, but it was exempt from SB14 reporting, then you'll still need to prepare a Biennial Report. But if you do not generate RCRA waste, or never

generated 1000 kg of RCRA waste or 1 kg of RCRA acutely hazardous waste in a calendar month during 2006, then you are not subject to Biennial Report filing requirements.

If you have any questions about Biennial Reporting, visit the Biennial Report webpage at:  
[http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/AnnualReports/Biennial\\_Reports.cfm](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/AnnualReports/Biennial_Reports.cfm), or  
contact the Biennial Report Helpline at (916) 322-2880

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**That's all for this month, folks!**  
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